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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

LAGOS FOR CARL GRANT

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1. APPRECIATE DEPT.'S CONCERN; HOWEVER, BELIEVE FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND WILL BE HELPFUL IN CONSIDERATION QUESTION.

2. DUCAN BUFFET RECEPTION THURSDAY EVENING INCLUDES
GAZANKULU HOMELAND LEADER, PROF. NTSANWISI, AND SAM MOTSUENYANE,
AFRICAN CHAMBER COMMERCE PRESIDENT AND BLACK BANK ORGANIZER.
DEPUTY SECRETARY VAN DALSEN, SENIOR DFA OFFICIAL PRESENT IN
PRETORIA, AND AMERICAS SECTION OFFICER WILL ATTEND. WISH RE-
CALL THAT UNTIL POLICY CHANGE ATTENDANT AMBASSADOR'S 1973
JULY 4 RECEPTION SAG OFFICIALS BOYCOTTED EMBASSY FUNCTIONS
WHICH INCLUDED BLACK GUESTS. HAVE HOPED THIS PROVIDED SOME
BALANCE ON THIS ALWAYS DELICATE ISSUE.

3. DFA COCKTAIL IS RELATIVELY SMALL AT GUEST HOUSE.
VAN DALSEN'S GUEST LIST IS WHITE EXCEPT FOR EMBASSY AND
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AMERICAN BLACKS IN GROUP BUT REPRESENT RANGE OF OPINION.

EDITORS SUCH AS TERTIUS MYBURGH AND HAROLD PAKENDORF ARE "VERLIGHT" PERSONALITIES ON PRETORIA SCENE WHOM EMBASSY WOULD HAVE INCLUDED IN THIS CAPACITY HAD NOT RPT NOT VAN DALSEN PROPOSED INVITING THEM. SIMILARLY CASE WITH NUMBER OF OTHER OF DFA GUESTS SUCH AS UNIVERSITY SOUTH AFRICA PROFESSORS.

4. EMBASSY SOUGHT ARRANGE INSITUTUTE RACE RELATIONS SYMPOSIUM BUT DUE ABSENCE DIRECTOR VAN WYK LEARNED TOO LATE THAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE PRECLUDED SCHEDULING AS PLANNED. DUE PROBLEMS EFFORTS REJUGGLE SCHEDULE IN TIGHT TIME FRAME AVAILABLE, SUBSTITUTED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE ROUNDTABLE. WE SEE SATURDAY EVENING BARBEQUE BY ECON OFFICER BAKER (WHICH GROUP HAS ACCEPTED) AS ROUNDING OUT GROUP'S EXPOSURE. AT THIS FUNCTION, GROUP WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TALK TO CROSS SECTION OF BLACKS, COLORED AND INDIAN COMMUNITY WITHOUT ANY INHIBITION OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS. AS FINAL POINT, THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY BRIEFING WILL AS USUAL SEEK BRING OUT FACTS OF SA SYSTEM'S GROSS RACIAL INEQUITIES.

5. SAG INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAMS OTHER THAN ARRANGEMENTS TO SEE AT LEAST PART OF HOMELAND AREA AND SOWETO STEMMED FROM EXPRESSED INTEREST MEET SAG OFFICIALS (INCLUDING MINISTER). BRIEFINGS WHICH INCLUDE UNDERTAKING ANSWER QUESTIONS IS IN SENSE UNIQUE EXPOSURE TO SAG SYSTEM'S MENTALITY. GIVEN BALANCING ITEMS IN PROGRAM, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND PROCEEDING WITH PROGRAM AS PLANNED. THIS MESSAGE REVIEWED WITH CHARGE IN CAPE TOWN WHO CONCURS. VISIT INEVITABLY BEARS SOME RISK OF BEING CRANKED INTO SA EFFORTS TO INTERPRET EVENTS AS REDUCING ITS ISOLATION AND WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THERE WILL BE NO PRESS ITEMS, ALTHOUGH WILL SEEK MINIMIZE PROSPECT. DO NOT BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT RISK SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED BY DFA RECEPTION WHICH IN GENERAL MEETS CRITERIA OF POLITE LOOK AT VARIOUS ASPECTS SA SOCIETY WITHOUT ENDORSEMENT.
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